

Networking Café

- SMART / Promethean Boards
- Fundraising
- TDSB Statistics
- EQAO
- Community Use of Schools
- Before / After School Programs
- Parent Wellness
- Transportation
- Healthy Eating / Active Living
- TDSB Parent Charter
- Workers supporting Parents within the School Community
- School Council Information
- Community Consultation Policy

- Beyond High School: Options for all students
- Speciality Programs in TDSB International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Special Education Programs
- PIAC Outreach
- Social Media and Cyberbullying
- Conflict Resolution Alternatives at School: Restorative Justice
- Parent Academy / PAPE
- Aboriginal Education Centre
- Employment Opportunities for Parents at the TDSB
- Assistive Technology and tools for student success
- First Aid Certification for Parents

For more information call 416 394-2070
or e-mail: myparentsconference@gmail.com



Policy Statement

The TDSB believes that education is a shared responsibility among parents, the community, students, staff and the Board. By working together we all contribute to the improvement of our schools and to the success of our students. The Board shall provide parents with the information they need to support their children's education and shall involve them in decisions, which affect their children and their schools. The Board is committed to ensuring that all parents and members of our diverse communities have opportunities to participate in the school system, and shall provide the support necessary to achieve that goal.



5th Annual Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

Parents Make a Difference Conference

TEAM UP with your Children:

A **one-day** conference for all TDSB parents and school council members

**Saturday, November 12, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Earl Haig Secondary School
100 Princess Avenue Toronto, Ontario**

**Register now at:
www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference
as spaces are limited!**

For more information visit our website at
www.torontopiac.ca



Childminding (Ages 2-10) and interpretation available upon request
through registration or by calling 416-394-2070.

Conference Schedule

9:00 - 9:40 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions:

10:25 - 10:55 a.m.

Keynote Address - "Better Together"

11:15 - 12:00 noon - Workshop A

12:05 - 12:50 p.m. - Workshop B

12:50 - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch

1:35 - 2:20 p.m. - Workshop C

2:25 - 3:10 p.m. - Workshop D

3:15 - 4:00 p.m.

Networking Café and Vendor Displays

(Networking Café and Vendor Displays are open from 11:00 - 4:00 excluding lunch time).

Activities

This year you can choose four workshops from a group of 16, developed around the theme "TEAM UP with your child" as well as feedback from parents following last year's conference. If you don't have enough time but still want to join us and you are looking for answers to specific questions, you can visit the Networking Café to blend and interact with other parents, and the TDSB personnel, vendors and community organizations that are present in the café area. It's a great opportunity to get involved.

Keynote Speaker

Wayne Hulley

President of the
North Star Centre & Canadian
Effective Schools in Burlington, Ontario

Wayne Hulley is the president of both the North Star Centre and Canadian Effective Schools in Burlington, Ontario. He consults, throughout North America, in the area of personal and organizational effectiveness. He has coauthored two books on the impact of effective schools research on school and student success. The book "Getting By or Getting Better," is based on 4 years of research and highlights seven lessons that must be learned by schools that plan to "get better" by improving learning outcomes, teacher satisfaction and parent support. He has worked with parent groups across Canada sharing strategies for capitalizing on the positive relationships that can be created with schools to support the success of students. His presentations are engaging, practical and focused on today's educational demands.

In an alignment with this year theme TEAM UP with your Children, Wayne Hulley will present his Better Together presentation. As parents care deeply for their children and want to create positive futures, schools and teachers also care about students and judge their effectiveness on student success. In his book, "Harbors of Hope," Wayne Hulley has highlighted how together, home and school can have a significant influence of children. This presentation will focus on the mindsets and strategies that support teachers and parents in creating hope and positive results for all student. His 40 year study using "Effective Schools Research," provides the knowledge that can lead to better schools, and more satisfied parents.



Workshops

Choose four (4) of the following workshops.

when you register on-line at www.tdsb.on.ca/parentconference.

If you are unable to register on-line, call 416 394-2070 or email: myparentsconference@gmail.com.
This conference is free but pre-registration is required. * **Register early as spaces are limited.**

School Council Basics

Everything parents need to know to start a School Council.

How a School Council Works

Explore the ins and outs of by-laws, budgets, record-keeping, elections and regulation changes.

The Importance of Being Involved at your Child's School

How parent involvement at school helps children succeed, and communities grow. Learn how to connect with hard-to-reach parents at school.

Raising Money for Your School without Fundraising.

How to find funds without holding a bake sale! Learn how to access government programs, grants and community partnerships and sharing success stories.

Be an Involved Parent at High School

What is the role of parents in high school? Learn how to increase parent involvement among high school families.

Special Education Basics

Are you new to the World of Special Education? This session will explain what special education is, why it can help your child and talk about the role of assistive technology in student success at school.

The Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Individual Placement Review Committee (IPRC) process

A detailed walk through the IEP / IPRC process, told from the point of view of the educator and the parent. What you need to know, when you need to know it and what documents you need in hand to help your child.

Believing in your Child within the Special Education system

Learn how to support your child within special education and advocate to ensure they succeed.

Student Engagement, Student Achievement, Student Success!

An exploration into understanding your child and how to help them achieve. Early identifiers to learning disabilities.

Preparing your Child for High School in Grades 7 and 8

Information to help parents prepare their children for high school (grades 9-12). Understand how to make choices in grades 7 and 8 to help you be ready for grade 9.

Understanding High School (Grades 9-12)

Gain Information and strategies for understanding high school. Learn how to use Choices and Pathways for Success.

Navigating the School System for Effective Communication

Who do you talk to? Understand the structure of the school system. Find out who's who, who does what, and what to do! Learn about the Parent Concern Protocol.

Teaching for Success with Different Learning Styles

Understanding how teachers work with the different learning styles of children to improve student success. Explore how and why it can help all students taste improved achievement.

Supporting Your Early Learner in Kindergarten to Grade 3

Learn how to support your young child in learning success. This includes full day Kindergarten to grade 3 families.

Conflict Resolution Alternatives at School "Suspensions, Expulsions and Alternative Conflict Resolutions"

How restorative practice works at school to reduce conflict, lower suspension rates, and build communities. Why it is important for parents to know about this alternative.

Social Media: The good, the bad and the ugly.

As social media becomes ever-present in our lives, how do we encourage positive use, and work with our children and schools to limit negative experiences.



Thanks for your interest in the 5th Annual "Parents Make a Difference" Conference TEAM UP with your Children, we want you there! Come and share in this productive and interactive day that brings together parents from throughout our TDSB communities. Learn about how you can be more involved in your child's education.